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TAGS: EINV, CS

SUBJECT: COSTA RICA LOAN BY PRIVATE BANKS

1. OFFICER OF THE MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL BANK, PANAMA, CALLED EMBASSY TO ASK FOR INFORMATION ON THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN COSTA RICA--WHETHER THERE IS AN INVESTMENT RATING AVAILABLE ON COSTA RICA; EMBASSY OFFICER REFERRED HIM TO APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND GPO SOURCES IN WASHINGTON AND TO AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE.

2. MERRILL LYNCH IS CONTEMPLATING PARTICIPATION IN A COMMERCIAL BANK SYNDICATED LOAN TO THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT; THEY HAVE NOT YET DEVELOPED A POLICY ON EXPOSURE LIMIT IN COSTA RICA. THE LOAN IN QUESTION WOULD AMOUNT TO \$12 MILLION AT SEVEN-YEAR TERM AND IS TO BE MANAGED BY FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO WITH FIVE PARTICIPATING BANKS. THE LOAN WOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE CENTRAL BANK OF COSTA RICA. THE PURPOSE OF THE LOAN IS TO FINANCE FOUR PROJECTS, THREE OF WHICH ARE A CEMENT PLANT, A SUGAR PLANT (PRODUCING FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION) AND AN ALUMINUM PLANT.

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3. MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL, PANAMA, IS THE INTERNATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY FOR MERRILL LYNCH; THE LONDON BANK, FOR EXAMPLE, IS A SUBSIDIARY. MERRILL LYNCH IS INTERESTED IN INCREASING THE LATIN AMERICAN PORTION OF ITS LOAN PORTFOLIO, WHICH NOW AMOUNTS TO SOME 25-30 PERCENT OF

ITS TOTAL LOANS. MERRILL LYNCH HAS BEEN VERY INTERESTED IN
VENEZUELA AND HAS ALSO RECENTLY BEEN SHOWING INTEREST IN CHILE
AND ARGENTINA WITH THE FAVORABLE CHANGE OF POLITICAL
ATMOSPHERE IN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE.
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